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ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOME SKIPPERS IN ONTARIO

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MATHER'S PAPER (1963) and Shapiro's article (1970) on postglacial biogeography indicated the necessity for publishing certain data from recent Ontario skipper collections. Shapiro quotes Munroe (1969) as saying that both extensive surveys and intensive local studies are still revealing unexpected distributional information even in supposedly well worked areas. In Ontario, after a good lepidopterological start (Bethune, Saunders, Evens a.o.), a kind of stagnation occurred, especially between the two wars. This did not change much until recently when the Royal Ontario Museum and active members of the newly founded Toronto Entomologists' Association began again the survey of Ontario Lepidoptera. One result has been the discovery of many new locality and even species records, especially for Ontario skippers. Recent annotated systematic lists of Ontario Lepidoptera exist only for the butterflies and skippers of northern Ontario (Riotte 1971). When a list for southern Ontario will be completed is unknown and may still take many years. Meanwhile, the lack of published data is not encouraging.

In the following, therefore, the skipper species dealt with in Mather (1963) and Shapiro (1970) plus a few additions are listed with their known Ontario localities, as represented, for most records, in the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum.

Atalopedes campestris (Boisduval): 1 ♀ London, 21 SEP 1968
(Thorne)

Atrytone delaware Edwards: Grand Bend, Hamilton, Langton,
Milton, Wrigley Cors.

Atrytonopsis hianna Scudder: Ipperwash, Pinery Prov. Park

- Erynnis brizo* Boisduval: Halton Co. Forest, Kenworth, London, Pinery Prov. Park, St. Williams
- Erynnis martialis* Scudder: Bobcaygeon, Constance Bay, Dunnville, Grand Bend, Hamilton, Niagara Glen, Rondeau Prov. Park, St. Williams, Toronto
- Euphyes bimacula* Grote & Robinson: Brantford, Dundas, Marl L., Paris, S. Delaware, Sudbury, Toronto
- Euphyes conspicua* Edwards: Dorchester, Dunnville, Langton, Rondeau Prov. Park, St. Catharines
- Euphyes dion* Edwards: Brantford, Dundas, Dunn Twsp., Dunnville, Hamilton, Hyde Park Cors., Langton, London, Perth Road, Pt. Pelee, Rondeau Prov. Park, Toronto
- Euphyes dukesi* (Lindsey): 1 ♂ McGregor (Essex Co.), 11 JUL 1968 (Holmes)
- Poanes massasoit* Scudder: Bothwell, Dundalk, Rondeau Prov. Park
- Poanes viator* Edwards: Chaffeys Locks, Dundas, Galt, Hamilton, Hyde Park Cor., London, Milton, Perth Road, Rondeau Prov. Park, Toronto, Willowdale
- Polites origines* (Fabricius): Ayr, Bobcaygeon, Chaffeys Locks, Erindale, Go Home Bay, Grand Bend, Guelph, Milton, Ottawa, Primrose, Rondeau Prov. Park, Rouge Hill, Sarnia, St. Catharines, Toronto
- Pompeius verna* Edwards: Arkell, Cooksville, Dunnville, Milton, Morpeth, Pelee Isld., Rockway, Sarnia, Toronto
- Pyrgus communis* Grote: Pelee Isld., Pt. Pelee, St. Catharines
- Staphylus mazans hayhursti* Edwards: Pelee Isld., Pt. Pelee
- Thorybes bathyllus* J. E. Smith: Dunnville, Hamilton, London, New Glasgow, Simcoe, Toronto, Turkey Pt.

Especially to be noted are the recent new records (*campestris*, *dukesi*) from the north shore of L. Erie and the discovery of two previously recorded species (*dion*, *viator*) far to the east of earlier localities.

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